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Mr. FORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Interstate Banking Act
- 5 of 1993''.

1 SEC. 2. INTERSTATE BANKING.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(d) of the Bank Holding
- 3 Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842(d)) is amended
- 4 to read as follows:
- 5 "(d) Interstate Acquisitions.—
- 6 "(1) Acquisition of existing banks.—Beginning 1 year after the date of enactment of the 7 8 Interstate Banking Act of 1993, the Board may ap-9 prove an application under this section to permit a bank holding company that is adequately capitalized 10 11 and adequately managed to acquire, directly or indi-12 rectly, any voting shares of, interest in, or all or substantially all of the assets of an existing bank lo-13 14 cated outside of the State in which the operations of 15 such bank holding company's banking subsidiaries 16 were principally conducted on July 1, 1966, or the 17 date on which such company became a bank holding 18 company, whichever is later. For purposes of this 19 section, the State in which the operations of a bank 20 holding company's banking subsidiaries are prin-21 cipally conducted is that State in which total depos-22 its of all such banking subsidiaries are largest.
 - "(2) EXISTING BANKS.—For purposes of paragraph (1), a bank that does not open for business and has been chartered solely for the purpose of acquiring any voting shares of, interest in, or all or

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substantially all of the assets of an existing bank
shall be deemed to be an existing bank and to have
been in existence for the same period of time as the
bank to be acquired.
"(3) Community reinvestment compli-
ANCE.—In determining whether to approve an appli-
cation under paragraph (1), the Board shall consider
the applicant's record of compliance with applicable
Federal and State community reinvestment laws.
"(4) STATE LAW.—A transaction approved
under paragraph (1) may occur without regard to
whether such transaction is permitted under the law
of the State in which the bank to be acquired is
located.
"(5) Concentration and other limits.—
"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board may not
approve an application under paragraph (1)
if—
"(i) the applicant controls, or upon
completion of the acquisition would control,
more than 10 percent of insured depository
institution assets of the United States, as
determined under regulations of the Board;
"(ii) the applicant controls, or upon

completion of the acquisition would control,

1	25 percent or more of the insured deposi-
2	tory institution deposits in the State in
3	which the institution to be acquired is
4	located, as determined under regulations of
5	the Board, except that a State may waive
6	the applicability of this subparagraph; or
7	"(iii) the acquisition will result in the
8	applicant directly or indirectly controlling a
9	bank that has been in existence for a
10	shorter period of time than is prescribed
11	by the law of the State in which such bank
12	is located in effect on the date the applica-
13	tion is filed with the Board, only if such
14	State law does not prescribe a period of
15	more than 5 years.
16	"(B) No effect on antitrust laws.—
17	Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to
18	affect the applicability of Federal or State anti-
19	trust laws that do not discriminate or have the
20	effect of discriminating against out-of-State
21	banks or bank holding companies.
22	"(6) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
23	section—

1	"(A) the term 'adequately capitalized' has
2	the same meaning as in section 38 of the Fed-
3	eral Deposit Insurance Act; and
4	"(B) the term insured depository institu-
5	tion' has the same meaning as in section 3 of
6	the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.".
7	SEC. 3. CONVERSION OF BANKS TO BRANCHES.
8	(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Bank Holding
9	Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842) is amended by
10	adding at the end the following new subsection:
11	"(h) Interstate Combinations.—
12	"(1) In general.—
13	"(A) Combinations authorized.—Sub-
14	ject to paragraphs (6) and (7), 1 year after the
15	date of enactment of the Interstate Banking
16	Act of 1993, a bank holding company having
17	subsidiary banks located in more than 1 State
18	may combine 2 or more of such banks into a
19	single, resulting bank by means of a merger,
20	consolidation, or other transaction.
21	"(B) Surrender of Charter After
22	COMBINATION.—On the date on which a com-
23	bination authorized by this paragraph becomes
24	effective, the charters of the banks (other than
25	that of the resulting bank) that have been com-

bined in accordance with subparagraph (A) into the resulting bank shall be surrendered to the regulatory authority that issued the charters.

"(C) EFFECT OF STATE PROHIBITION OF COMBINATIONS.—If, during the period beginning on the date of enactment of the Interstate Banking Act of 1993 and ending on the expiration of 3 years after such date of enactment, a combination authorized by subparagraph (A) is effected in a State that thereafter elects to prohibit interstate combinations under paragraph (6), then that State may require such branch to be promptly converted back into a bank as it existed prior to such combination.

"(2) APPLICABILITY.—A combination under paragraph (1) may only be effected in the case of a merger, consolidation, or other transaction that is undertaken by a bank holding company that is adequately capitalized and adequately managed.

"(3) ACTIVITIES OF THE RESULTING BANK.—

"(A) Additional Branches.—Following any combination effected under paragraph (1), the resulting bank may establish, acquire, and operate additional branches at any location where the resulting bank or a combined bank

could have established or acquired and operated a branch under the applicable Federal or State law if it had not been a party to such combination.

- "(B) Intrastate branching.—Except as expressly provided in this paragraph, nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to amend, repeal, or preempt, either expressly or by implication, any Federal or State law relating to the establishment, acquisition, or operation of intrastate branches by national or State banks.
- "(C) CONDITIONS.—Prior to granting approval to effect a combination under paragraph (1), the appropriate Federal banking agency shall consider the bank's rating under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 and the views of the appropriate State bank regulatory authorities regarding the bank's compliance with applicable State community reinvestment laws.
- "(D) Imposition of shares tax by host states.—In order to assure that an out-of-State bank contributes a fair share to a host State's revenues, if any branch of an out-of-State bank established pursuant to paragraph (1) or subparagraph (A) of this paragraph con-

tinues in operation, a proportionate amount of the value of the shares of the out-of-State bank may be subject to any bank shares tax levied or imposed by any host State or political subdivision thereof based upon an allocation of net income, capital or net worth, and other factors employed in computing such value pursuant to an allocation method adopted by the host State's taxing authorities, if such method does not unconstitutionally discriminate against outof-State banks or bank holding companies.

"(4) ACTIVITIES OF BRANCHES.—A State bank that establishes a branch or branches in accordance with paragraph (1) or paragraph (3)(A) of this subsection may not conduct any activity at such branch or branches located in the host State that is not permitted for banks chartered by the host State.

"(5) Applicable law.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—

"(i) NATIONAL BANK BRANCHES.—
Any branch of a national bank that is established as the result of a combination in accordance with paragraph (1) or paragraph (3)(A) shall be subject to the laws of the host State with respect to intrastate

1	branching, consumer protection, fair lend-
2	ing, and community reinvestment as if it
3	were a branch of a national bank having
4	its main office in that State.
5	"(ii) State bank branches.—Any
6	branch of a State-chartered bank that is
7	established as the result of a combination
8	in accordance with paragraph (1) or para-
9	graph (3)(A) shall be subject to the laws of
10	the host State with respect to intrastate
11	branching, consumer protection, fair lend-
12	ing, and community reinvestment as if it
13	were a branch of a bank chartered under
14	the laws of such State and having offices
15	only in such State.
16	"(B) FILING REQUIREMENTS.—
17	"(i) IN GENERAL.—A host State may
18	require any bank having its main office in
19	another State that wishes to establish a
20	branch within the host State as a result of
21	a combination authorized by paragraph (1)
22	or paragraph (3)(A) to comply with filing
23	requirements that—
24	"(I) are not discriminatory in na-
25	ture; and

1	"(II) are similar in their effect to
2	those that are imposed on a corpora-
3	tion having its main office in another
4	State that is not engaged in the busi-
5	ness of banking and that seeks to en-
6	gage in business in the host State.
7	"(ii) Failure to comply.—The host
8	State may preclude any bank referred to in
9	clause (i) from establishing or operating a
10	branch within the host State as the result
11	of a combination authorized by paragraph
12	(1) if that bank or its branch materially
13	fails to comply with the filing requirements
14	established by the host State.
15	"(6) State election to prohibit inter-
16	STATE COMBINATIONS.—
17	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A combination author-
18	ized by paragraph (1) shall not be effective with
19	respect to banks located in a State that has en-
20	acted, at any time prior to expiration of 3 years
21	after the date of enactment of the Interstate
22	Banking Act of 1993, a law that applies equally
23	to national and State banks and that expressly
24	prohibits interstate combinations authorized

under paragraph (1) as the result of which a

1	bank located in that State would be combined
2	with, and made a branch of, an out-of-State
3	bank.
4	"(B) Effect of prohibition.—If a
5	State has in effect a prohibition described in
6	subparagraph (A), a combination under para-
7	graph (1) may not be effected which results in
8	an out-of-State bank being combined with and
9	made a branch of a bank located in that State
10	"(7) State election to permit interstate
11	COMBINATIONS.—
12	"(A) Combinations prior to effective
13	DATE.—A combination under paragraph (1)
14	may be undertaken before 1 year after the date
15	of enactment of the Interstate Banking Act of
16	1993, if each of the States in which 1 or more
17	banks that are to be combined into a single, re-
18	sulting bank is located has in effect a law ex-
19	pressly permitting interstate combinations by
20	national and State-chartered banks. A State de-
21	scribed in the preceding sentence may impose
22	other conditions on the branch of the resulting
23	bank located in that State if—
24	"(i) the conditions do not discriminate
25	or have the effect of discriminating against

1	out-of-State banks or bank holding compa-
2	nies; and
3	"(ii) the imposition of the conditions
4	is not preempted by Federal law regarding
5	the same subject.
6	"(B) Combinations after effective
7	DATE.—A State that originally elected to pro-
8	hibit interstate combinations as described in
9	paragraph (6) may elect at any later time to
10	permit interstate combinations authorized
11	under paragraph (1) if such State enacts a law
12	expressly permitting interstate combinations by
13	national and State-chartered banks.
14	"(8) Limitations.—Nothing in paragraph (1)
15	affects the applicability of Federal or State antitrust
16	laws that do not discriminate or have the effect of
17	discriminating against out-of-State banks or bank
18	holding companies.
19	"(9) Reservation of certain rights to
20	STATES.—Nothing in this subsection limits in any
21	way the right of a State to—
22	"(A) determine the authority of State
23	banks chartered in that State to establish and
24	maintain branches: or

1	"(B) supervise, regulate, and examine
2	State banks chartered by that State.
3	"(10) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
4	section—
5	"(A) the term 'adequately capitalized' has
6	the meaning given such term by section 38 of
7	the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
8	"(B) the term 'appropriate Federal bank-
9	ing agency' has the same meaning as in section
10	3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
11	"(C) the term 'combined bank' means any
12	bank participating in a combination under
13	paragraph (1), other than the resulting bank;
14	"(D) the term 'host State' means the State
15	in which a bank establishes or maintains a
16	branch other than the State in which the bank
17	has its main office and is engaged in the busi-
18	ness of banking;
19	"(E) the term insured depository institu-
20	tion' has the same meaning as in section 3 of
21	the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
22	"(F) a bank shall be deemed to be 'located'
23	in the State in which it was chartered or, in the
24	case of a national bank, the State in which its
25	main office is located: and

1 "(G) the term 'resulting bank' means a
2 banking subsidiary of a bank holding company
3 that has resulted from a transaction effected
4 under paragraph (1) involving the combination
5 of 2 or more subsidiary banks of the bank hold6 ing company located in 2 or more States.".

(b) Taxation.—

- (1) STATE FRANCHISE OR OTHER NON-PROPERTY TAXES.—The amendments made by this section and section 2 do not in any way affect, limit, impair, or preclude the right of any State or political subdivision of a State to impose a nondiscriminatory franchise tax or other nonproperty tax instead of a franchise tax as provided by section 3124 of title 31, United States Code.
- (2) STATE METHODS OF TAXATION.—Subject to the provisions of section 3(h)(3)(D) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842(h)(3)(D)), as added by this section, nothing in this section or section 2 shall be construed to either—
 - (A) prohibit or restrict any State or political subdivision of a State from applying any tax or method of taxation to a State bank or a national bank or branch thereof when such tax or

1	tax method is otherwise permitted by or per-
2	missible under either the Constitution of the
3	United States or any other Federal law; or
4	(B) allow any State or political subdivision
5	of a State to apply any tax or method of tax-
6	ation to a State bank or national bank or
7	branch thereof when such tax or tax method is
8	otherwise prohibited or restricted by either the
9	Constitution of the United States or any other
10	Federal law.
11	(c) Conforming Amendment to the National
12	Bank Act.—Section 5155(c) of the Revised Statutes (12
13	$U.S.C.\ 36(c))$ is amended in the first sentence by striking
14	$\mbox{\ensuremath{^{''}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{a}}$ national banking association $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{''}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{a}}$ and inserting $\mbox{\ensuremath{^{''}}}\mbox{\ensuremath{Except}}$
15	as provided in section $3(h)$ of the Bank Holding Company
16	Act of 1956, a national banking association".
17	SEC. 4. AMENDMENTS TO FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE
18	ACT AND THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
19	PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NA-
20	TIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATIONS".
21	(a) Federal Deposit Insurance Act Amend-
22	$\mbox{\scriptsize MENTS.}\mbox{Section 18(d)}$ of the Federal Deposit Insurance
23	Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)) is amended—
24	(1) in the first sentence of paragraph (1), by
25	striking "No State" and inserting "Except as pro-

1	vided in section 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company
2	Act of 1956, no State";
3	(2) by adding at the end of section 18(d) the
4	following:
5	"(3) Coordination of examination author-
6	ITY.—
7	"(A) IN GENERAL.—A host State bank su-
8	pervisory or regulatory authority may examine
9	a branch established in the host State by a
10	bank chartered by a State other than that host
11	State that resulted from a combination effected
12	under section 3(h) of the Bank Holding Com-
13	pany Act of 1956 for the purpose of determin-
14	ing compliance with host State laws regarding
15	banking, community reinvestment, fair lending,
16	consumer protection, and permissible activities
17	and to ensure that the activities of the
18	branch—
19	"(i) are conducted in a manner that is
20	consistent with sound banking principles;
21	and
22	"(ii) do not constitute a serious risk
23	to the safety and sound operation of the
24	branch.

"(B) Enforcement.—In the event that a 1 2 host State bank supervisory or regulatory authority determines that there is a violation of 3 4 the law of the host State concerning the activities being conducted by the branch of a State 5 6 bank or that such branch is being operated in a manner not consistent with sound banking 7 principles or in an unsafe and unsound manner, 8 9 such host State bank supervisory or regulatory authority may undertake such enforcement ac-10 tions and proceedings as would be permitted under the law of the host State as if the branch 12 in question were a bank chartered by that host 13 State. 14

- "(C) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.—The State bank supervisory or regulatory authorities from 1 or more States are authorized to enter into cooperative agreements to facilitate State regulatory supervision of State-chartered banks, including cooperative agreements relating to the coordination of examinations and joint participation in examinations.
- 23 "(D) FEDERAL REGULATORY AUTHOR-24 ITY.—

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1	"(i) Interstate agreements.—
2	Nothing in this subsection limits in any
3	way the authority of the appropriate Fed-
4	eral banking agency to examine any bank
5	or branch of a bank for which the agency
6	is the appropriate Federal banking agency
7	"(ii) Review of interstate agree-
8	MENTS.—If the appropriate Federal bank-
9	ing agency determines that the States have
10	failed to reach an agreement under sub-
11	paragraph (C), or that such an agreement
12	fails to adequately protect the Federal De-
13	posit Insurance Fund, the appropriate
14	Federal banking agency shall not defer to
15	State examinations of the out-of-State
16	branches.
17	"(4) Definition.—For purposes of this sub-
18	section, the term 'host State' means the State in
19	which a bank establishes or maintains a branch
20	other than the State in which the bank is chartered
21	and is engaged in the business of banking.".
22	(b) National Banking Associations.—The Act
23	entitled "An act to provide for the consolidation of na-
24	tional banking associations", approved November 7, 1918
25	(12 U.S.C. 215 et seq.) is amended—

- (1) in the first sentence of subsection (a) of the first section, by inserting after "located in the same State" the following: ", or in any State in which a bank involved in an interstate acquisition or interstate combination authorized by section 3(d)(1) or 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 is located,";
 - (2) by inserting before the period at the end of subsection (d) of the first section ", except that the applicability of State law to an interstate acquisition or interstate combination undertaken in accordance with section 3(d)(1) or 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of those sections";
 - (3) in the first sentence of section 2(a), by inserting after "located within the same State," the following: "or in any State in which a bank involved in an interstate acquisition or interstate combination authorized by section 3(d)(1) or 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 is located,";
 - (4) in the sixth sentence of section 2(d), by inserting before the period ", except that the applicability of State law to the transaction undertaken pursuant to section 3(d)(1) or 3(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 shall be determined

1	in accordance with the provisions of those sections";
2	and
3	(5) in paragraph (4) of section 3, by inserting
4	after "within the same State" the following: ", or
5	within any State in which a bank involved in an
6	interstate acquisition or interstate combination au-
7	thorized by section 3(d)(1) or 3(h) of the Bank
8	Holding Company Act of 1956 is located,".
9	SEC. 5. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERSTATE BRANCHES
10	BY NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS.
11	(a) Establishment of New Interstate
12	Branches by State Banks.—Section 18(d) of the Fed-
13	eral Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828(d)), as
14	amended by section 4(a), is further amended by adding
15	at the end the following:
16	"(5) Establishment of New Interstate
17	BRANCHES.—
18	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
19	other provision of law, a host State may, ex-
20	pressly by statute and not merely by implica-
21	tion, permit all out-of-State national or State
22	banks that are adequately capitalized and ade-
23	quately managed to establish a branch in the
24	host State other than by merger, consolidation,
25	or other similar transaction. Such branch shall

be operated in accordance with section 3(h) of 1 2 the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 and the provisions of that section shall apply to the 3 branch as if the branch resulted from a com-4 bination effected in accordance with paragraph 6 (1) of that section. 7 "(B) Definition.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'host State' means the 8 9 State in which a bank establishes a branch under subparagraph (A).". 10 11 (b) **ESTABLISHMENT** NEW INTERSTATE Branches by National Banks.—Section 5155 of the 12 Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 36) is amended— 13 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) through (h) 14 15 as subsections (e) through (i), respectively; and (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the follow-16 17 ing: 18 "(d) INTERSTATE **BRANCHING** NATIONAL BY 19 Banks.— 20 "(1) APPROVALS AUTHORIZED.—Notwithstand-21 ing any other provision of law, the Comptroller of 22 the Currency may approve an application under this 23 section for a national bank to establish a branch in a State other than the State in which its principal 24

place of business is located if the host State ex-

- pressly permits, by statute and not merely by impli-1 cation, all out-of-State national banks that are ade-2 quately capitalized and adequately managed to es-3 tablish such a branch. Such branch shall be operated in accordance with section 3(h) of the Bank Holding 5 Company Act of 1956, and the provisions of that 6 7 section shall apply to the branch as if the branch resulted from a combination effected in accordance 8 with paragraph (1) of that section. 9
- "(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'host State' means the State in which a national bank establishes a branch under paragraph (1).".
- 14 SEC. 6. COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT EVALUATION OF
- 15 BANKS WITH INTERSTATE BRANCHES.
- 16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 807 of the Community
- 17 Reinvestment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C. 2906) is amended
- 18 by adding at the end the following subsections:
- 19 "(d) Institutions With Interstate
- 20 Branches.—
- 21 "(1) STATE-BY-STATE EVALUATION.—In the
- case of a regulated financial institution that main-
- tains domestic branches in 2 or more States, the ap-
- propriate Federal financial supervisory agency shall
- 25 prepare—

"(A) a written evaluation of the entire institution's record of performance under this title, as required by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section; and

"(B) for each State in which the institution maintains 1 or more domestic branches, a separate written evaluation of the institution's record of performance within such State under this title, as required by subsections (a), (b), and (c).

"(2) MULTISTATE METROPOLITAN AREAS.—In the case of a regulated financial institution that maintains domestic branches in 2 or more States within a multistate metropolitan area, the appropriate Federal financial supervisory agency may prepare a separate written evaluation of the institution's record of performance within such metropolitan area under this title, as required by subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section. If the agency prepares a written evaluation pursuant to this paragraph, the scope of the written evaluation required under paragraph (1)(B) shall be adjusted accordingly.

1	"(3) Content of state level evalua-
2	TION.—A written evaluation prepared pursuant to
3	paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection shall—
4	"(A) present the information required by
5	subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (b)(1)
6	of this section separately for each metropolitan
7	area in which the institution maintains 1 or
8	more domestic branch offices and separately for
9	the remainder of the nonmetropolitan area of
10	the State if the institution maintains 1 or more
11	domestic branch offices in such area; and
12	"(B) describe how the Federal financial
13	supervisory agency has performed the examina-
14	tion of the institution, including a list of the in-
15	dividual branches examined.
16	"(4) Definitions.—For purposes of this sec-
17	tion:
18	"(A) Domestic Branch.—The term 'do-
19	mestic branch' means any branch office or
20	other facility of a regulated financial institution
21	with the ability to accept deposits located in
22	any State.
23	"(B) Metropolitan area.—The term
24	'metropolitan area' means any primary metro-
25	politan statistical area, metropolitan statistical

- area, or consolidated metropolitan statistical 1 2 area as defined by the Director of the Office of 3 Management and Budget, with a population of 4 250,000 or more, and any other area identified 5 by the appropriate Federal financial supervisory 6 agency. "(C) STATE.—The term 'State' has the 7 same meaning as provided in section 3(a) of the 8 Federal Deposit Insurance Act.". 9 10 (b) SEPARATE PRESENTATION.—Section 807(b)(1) of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C. 11 2906(b)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following sentence: 13 "A written evaluation shall contain the information 14 15 required by subparagraphs (A) and (B) presented 16 separately for each metropolitan area in which an in-17 sured depository institution maintains one or more 18 domestic branch offices.". 19 SEC. 7. STATE TAX COMPLIANCE. 20 Section 5240 of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 484) is amended by adding after subparagraph (B) the follow-21 ing new subparagraph: 22
- "(C) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), lawfully authorized auditors, examiners, and other representatives acting on behalf of the State agency or

1	agencies charged with the administration and collec-
2	tion of taxes imposed by a State or political subdivi-
3	sion thereof, may, to the extent necessary, review the
4	books, records, and accounts of a depository institu-
5	tion, chartered under Federal law and located in
6	that State, to determine any State or local tax liabil-
7	ity and to ensure compliance with the tax laws of the
8	State or political subdivision thereof.".
9	SEC. 8. INTERSTATE BRANCHING BY FEDERAL SAVINGS
10	ASSOCIATIONS.
11	(a) In General.—Section 5(r) of the Home Owners'
12	Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1464(r)) is amended by adding at
13	the end the following new paragraph:
14	"(4) Approval of director required.—
15	"(A) IN GENERAL.—No Federal savings
16	association described in paragraph (1) may es-
17	tablish, acquire, or operate a branch outside
18	such association's home State without the prior
19	written approval of the Director.
20	"(B) Limitations on the director's
21	AUTHORITY.—The Director may not approve
22	the establishment, acquisition, or operation of
23	any branch of any Federal savings association
24	in any State other than such association's home
25	State, unless—

"(i) the establishment, acquisition or 1 2 operation of such branch would, if the Federal savings association were a savings 3 association chartered by the home State of the Federal savings association, be expressly permitted under both the law of the 6 State in which such branch is to be located 7 8 and the law of the home State of the Federal savings association, by statutory lan-9 guage to that effect and not merely by im-10 plication; 11 "(ii) the establishment, acquisition or 12 13 operation of the branch is carried out in 14 accordance with all requirements, conditions, and limitations established under or 15 pursuant to the law of the State in which 16 17 the branch is (or is proposed to be) 18 located: and 19 "(iii) such association is an ade-20 quately capitalized depository institution 21 (as defined under section 38 of the Federal 22 Deposit Insurance Act) which maintains

capital that exceeds the required minimum

ratio for each relevant capital measure.

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1	"(C) Home state defined.—For pur-
2	poses of this paragraph, the term 'home State'
3	means the State in which the home office of the
4	Federal savings association is located.".
5	(b) Technical and Conforming Amendment.—
6	Section 5(r)(3) of the Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C.
7	1464(r)(3)) is amended by striking "this subsection" and
8	inserting "paragraph (1)".
9	(c) Applicability.—Section $5(r)(4)$ of the Home
10	Owners' Loan Act (as added by subsection(a)) shall not
11	apply to the establishment, acquisition, or operation of a
12	branch of a Federal savings association approved by the
13	Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision on or before
14	June 30 1993

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